Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is not like that. It is only to minimise the work which can be duly attended to by the committee without the department to meet the work that a specialised committee is appointed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* My question Sir, is whether the Ministry of Cochin is unable to prepare a plan ?

Mr. President : Order, order. I think the Hon'ble Minister has answered that question.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Is it a scheme suggested by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee ? Is he empowered by the Minister ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* The committee is intended to help me. It is my scheme.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Whether this committee is consisting of Editors of Trichur ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Certainly there is a member who had been an Editor but not only of Trichur but also of the whole of Cochin State.

The answer looks like that you want to cross examine me. I do not want such a question. It is not possible to say definitely which of the works are mostly urgent and which of them are less urgent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any special reason why Snehitan and Cochin Times pick out a host of Editors here.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is no special reason.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether in view of the Committee, the Ministry thus far has no plan of work for Rural Development ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. We have got a plan of work. And that plan has to be scrutinised, summarised and searched and given to me.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are we to understand, Sir, that it is the Ministry's plan that has been placed before the Committee ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. I have placed it before the committee to assist me. I suppose you will not object in my taking into confidence the committee in preparing the plan.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* For that I want notice *(Laughter)*. My question, Sir, is this: Whether this Committee has been given a plan prepared by the Ministry to be looked into and suggestions put at or whether this Committee have been asked to prepare a plan for the scrutiny of the Ministry. What is it ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Departmental heads have submitted a plan for the improvement of Villages. These reports have been placed before the Committee for scrutiny and see whether all those works requested for are absolutely necessary or some can be postponed and which works may be taken up immediately and something like that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* In the G.P. it is said that the committee is being appointed to find out ways and means. Are the Committee expected to find out funds also for carrying out the works?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development) :* No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* But there are the words "1 ways and means" Are they to expect for funds?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. If the words strictly means money I confess it is a mistake.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Then what else can it mean?

HEALTH CENTRE, KUNNAMKULAM—REVIVAL OF

627. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is going to revive the abolished Health Centre at Kunnamkulam ;

(*b*) if not, why ;

(*c*) whether the Government is going to start any Health Centres at any place this year or in the next year ;

(*d*) if so, which are those places ;

(*e*) apart from Municipal areas is not Kunnamkulam the most densely populated village of Cochin State ;

(*f*) is not the population of Kunnamkulam village higher than any other village of the State excepting the Municipal areas ;

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(*g*) what are the factors that weigh with Government in selecting a place for starting a Health Centre?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is no proposal to revive the Health Centre at Kunnamkulam.

(*b*) Health centres are not to be started in places where there are hospitals or dispensaries.

(*c*) No proposal to start fresh Health Centres has been sanctioned.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division 3.

(*e*) Government have no definite information but Kunnamkulam is thickly populated.

(*f*) No. There are other villages like Elangunnapuzha, Kumbalangi, Chennamangalam, etc., the population of which is higher than that of Kunnamkulam.

(*g*) Health Centres are to be started in places not served by any hospital or dispensary.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, was the policy of the Government to start Health centres where there are not Hospitals?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the present policy.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Was it the policy originally?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* For some time it was. But then it was changed.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* When was it changed?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Since 1935.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* What was the reason?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Once I have mentioned in this Council that there was some unhealthy revolutionary between the Hospitals and the Centres and Government thought it desirable not to have these health centres where there are hospitals.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Revelutionary between these Health Centres and Hospitals? May I ask whether revelutionery prevails between members of these institutions?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a sort of duplication of work.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* What is the nature of the revolution.

Mr. President: Order. Order. The Hon'ble Member is going back more than 10 years. I think it is of little use to expect the Hon'ble Minister to revive matters.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it is the position of the Government that these Health Centres and Hospitals are intended for one and the same purpose then?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Of course they are not intended for the one and the same purpose. But some purposes are common.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are uncommon enterprises not more important than the Health Centres?

Mr. President: Order. Order.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* What is the population in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* The population of Kunnamkulam is 13,059, Elankunnapuzha 18,075, Kumbalangi 18,043 and Chennamangalam 17,556.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Is there any possibility of converting it into a minor Municipality?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have not yet settled that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkacheri):* Why the answer 'c' 'No proposal to start Health Centres has been sanctioned'. How is it that the proposal has not been sanctioned?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have now started 2 centres recently and we are watching the progress of the work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* That is, the present Ministry has started 2 Centres already?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. No. 2 centres have been started recently probably after I assumed charge, on account of the proposal of the Government. We are watching the result.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There was in the Hon'ble Member's speech introducing the Budget, the idea that health centres should be revived. Now the answer is no proposal has been sanctioned to start fresh Health Centres. Therefore that speech and this answer do not reconcile.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. It reconciles very much. Of course I said the Health centres must be revived and I will be taking steps to revive them. Only final sanction is being given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So, during the last 8 months the proposal was being raised? Are we to take it like that?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. You will have to take it like that. Because a proposal can be made easily and so many details have to be found out to see whether it can be done easily.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to (*g*) it is stated.—"Health Centres are to be started in places not served by any hospital or dispensary". Supposing there is a hospital in a particular area what is....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is wasting time over hypothetical questions.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* That is not a hypothetical question Sir, what is the area to be served by the Kunnamkulam Hospital?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is no territorial distribution for Hospitals and dispensaries. It is expected that the neighbourhood will be served by the hospitals.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Between Kunnamkulam and Trichur is there not a place which can be considered to be not served by either of the Hospitals or the dispensaries?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Develpment)* I understand there is a dispensary there at Vilangans. If you ask me whether this Village is served by the hospital, it is not possible for me to say. Throughout the whole area of Cochin we have got so many hospitals. The question is one hospital will be serving the people in spite of.....

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* The answer to (*g*) is "not served by any hospital or dispensary". In the light of that answer how can that be found fit for running health centres?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is presumed that Hospitals can be served immediately or for the use of the people of the locality. That is the meaning of the word "not served by any hospital or dispensary".

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. മാണി: ബഡ്ജറ്റ് സ്പീച്ചിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെപറയാൻ വിഷമമില്ല, പ്രവർത്തിക്കാനേ വിഷമമുള്ളൂ എന്ന് വെച്ചാണൊ അങ്ങിനെ പറഞ്ഞതു"?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* But in fact is.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT—POST-WAR SCHEME

628. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):*

Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have Government got any schemes for post-war development of Rural Industries; if so, will they be pleased to place them on the Council Table;

(*b*) what is the total final commitment under such schemes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. A statement containing 7 schemes to develop rural industries and giving the information required is placed on the Council Table.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: ഈ സ്കീമുകളിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉടൻതന്നെ നടപ്പിലാക്കുവാൻ ആലോചനയുണ്ടായൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ഈ സ്കീമുകളൊക്കെ നടപ്പാക്കുവാൻ, റികൺസ്ട്രക്ഷൻ സ്കീമിൽ ഓരൊ കമ്മറ്റിയെ അപ്പോയിൻറ്ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവർ നോക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അവരുടെ ആലോചനകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുമതി എന്നുവെച്ചാണ് ഒന്നും തുടങ്ങാത്തതു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരൻ എഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റി മീറ്റിങ്ങ് കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നെയുള്ളതു ഉടനെതന്നെ ക്കൂടരുതെ?

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